Funds for poverty alleviation programmes

† 1607. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to non-allocation of sufficient funds, poverty alleviation programmes are getting adversely affected;

(b) if so, whether Gcvernment propose to provide sufficient funds to alleviate poverty from the country; and

(c) if so, the details of the funds allocated for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has been implementing a Centrally sponsored urban poverty alleviation programme called "Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY)" with effect from 1.12.1997 on all India basis to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or underemployed poor (i) through encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard and (ii) through provision of wage employment. Adequate funds including unspent balances from the earlier urban poverty alleviation programmes are available with the States/UTs. Non-availability of funds has, therefore, not been a bottleneck in the implementation of the SJSRY programme. Further, Government allocates Central funds to the States/UTs based on their performance.

(c) Since the inception of the scheme, *i.e.* from 1.12.1997 to 31.3.2001 an amount of Rs. 461.30 crores has been allocated/released to States/UTs for the implementation of the programme. During the current financial year, Central funds to the tune of Rs. 44.60 crores have been sanctioned for release to States/UTs.

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